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SUBJECT: MACEDONIA: PM GRUEVSKI REQUEST FOR A WHITE HOUSE
MEETING IN MARCH

[1](#)1. (U) This message contains a recommendation and action
request in para 4.

[1](#)2. (SBU) In a January 11 meeting with the Ambassador
(septel), FM Milososki officially requested USG support for a
visit by PM Gruevski to Washington in March to meet with
President Bush.

[1](#)3. (SBU) During the visit, PM Gruevski would like to
highlight Macedonia's troop contributions in Iraq and
Afghanistan. Gruevski also would use a visit to promote
investment in Macedonia. Milososki said the GOM is in
contact with a number of Washington-based "friends of
Macedonia" who would help organize an economic forum during
the Prime Minister's visit.

[1](#)4. (SBU) RECOMMENDATION AND ACTION REQUEST: We strongly
recommend a positive reply to PM Gruevski's request for a
visit and meeting with President Bush in March. In addition
to highlighting Macedonia's continued strong support for our
goals in Iraq and Afghanistan, the visit would give the
President and Gruevski a chance to discuss the progress
Macedonia has made in meeting NATO membership requirements in
the run-up to the Bucharest Summit. Macedonia's supportive
role in Kosovo would be another timely topic.
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